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Subject: Youth Recognition

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Subject: words for next Tuesday night...

Michele,

Let me know if you need more than this. The first 2 paragraphs came from the VA PTA website, so it can be cut down if need be.

The Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program. Students from Kindergarten through 12th grade participate in the arts areas of literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. Age divisions are Kindergarten through grade 2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.

The Reflections Program provides a venue for students to create and be recognized for original works of art based on a pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education. The goal of the Reflections Program is participation, not winning. Ensuring that all participants are recognized, including those with artwork advancing to another level, can encourage future participation. Students see their peers enjoying the program and look forward to participating themselves.

63 students from the City of Alexandria received first place recognition at their schools and then represented their school at the City level. 15 students received first place recognition at the City level and continued on to represent the City at the District level. 3 students received third place: Cristina Wood in Literature, Claire McCreedy in Music, and Luis-Pedro Escobar in Visual Arts. Camille Morrow received second place in Music and Megan Coyle received first place in Literature at the District level. Megan then moved on and represented the District and the City at the State level.

Take care,

Tracy